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Silver. Skate

▶ Brian McArthur does some detailing to a snow sculpture at Hawrelak Park on Tuesday that will be judged at the Silver Skate fest this weekend.

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Carving a niche for himself

Fittingly, the giant piece of art, his fourth in the festival, will profile a sculptor carving a giant skate. The annual event runs all Family Day weekend.

Friends mourn Leduc teenager

▶ Daniel Michael McPherson, 19, identified as person struck and killed by freight train ▶ RCMP believe he was wearing headphones

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Friends of a Leduc teen struck and killed by a train remember him as a funny, friendly guy who loved music.

And listening to music is likely what Daniel Michael McPherson was doing when he died, as RCMP believe the 19-year-old was wearing headphones as he walked along the tracks in Leduc Monday afternoon.

The incident is still under investigation, though it is not believed to be criminal in nature.

"I think it was more of a lack of attention," said Const. Jodi Heidinger.

The news hit McPherson's friends hard.

Spencer Henderson, who met McPherson five years ago and attended Leduc Composite High School with him, said the thing he'll remember most is "how friendly he was."

"We just hit it off, had the same group of friends," Henderson said Tuesday. "We would go to the skate park, or hang out at the library or his house."

Madison Schmidt met McPherson last year, and the pair recently dated for four months.

"He always knew how to cheer someone up when they were feeling down, and just seeing him smile made my day," she said.

McPherson had left school last year, but enrolled back at LCHS this month.

Counsellors were available to students Tuesday, and a memorial was set up in the library.

Details

- RCMP said McPherson was struck by a southbound train around 3:30 p.m. as he walked south along the tracks in the area of 50 Street and Rollyview Road.
- The Canadian Pacific Railway conductor and crew sounded the whistle and applied the emergency brake in an effort to stop in time, said the RCMP.

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Proposed act takes aim at schoolyard bullies

The Alberta government re-introduced its Education Act Tuesday, promising a systematic provincewide effort to go after and punish schoolyard bullies.

"I want to make sure that in the province of Alberta we have a uniform code of conduct clearly spelling out what is and what isn't allowable in schools relative to students' behaviour," said Lukaszuk after introducing Bill 2 in the legislature.

"That will include verbal abuse, physical abuse, homophobic abuse, cyberspace abuse and the list goes on and on."

Lukaszuk said school boards will submit to his department their plans on handling bullying. They will then be compared to an over-arching definition of bullying to make sure there is a one standard of what will and won't be accepted.

"The fact is we need to standardize this, particularly as kids move from school and class to class, that this same level of expectation will be placed on them," he said.

The act allows school officials to suspend students for up to five days and, if they feel the behaviour is so injurious or the student so unrepentant, they can ask the local board to expel the child for longer periods as required. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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▶ St. Mark Grade 7 student Zoe Roch, left, and future student Nadia and her mom, Laura Shewchuk, were all smiles after Tuesday's board vote to keep the school open.

St. Valentine shines on St. Mark school

- ECS advised to shutter school plagued by low enrolment, disrepair
- Motion to close aging Catholic junior high defeated 4-3 in trustee vote

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Despite heated debate by trustees, the Edmonton Catholic Schools board had a change of heart about closing St. Mark Junior High School this Valentine's Day.

Parents and students of the under-enrolled school cheered as a motion to close it was defeated 4-3 Tuesday.

"We do recognize that the 20 or so parents that have been working with me, that our job is only starting," said Laura Shewchuk, who has a daughter in Grade 7 at St. Mark and another who will go there.

Board chair Debbie Engel, who voted for closure, said the board will support the decision even if it means shuffling money around from other schools.

"We just have to do a juggling act so that we give everyone the best possible chance at a good education … we will make it work," said Engel.

Zoe Roch, 12, is delighted she'll stay at her school for Grade 8 next year.

"I chose this school because I thought it was a good school and I could learn a lot there. I have lots of opportunities there, not just because my friends were going there."

By the numbers

- St. Mark was given 250 out of 800 points, a rating dubbed "mediocre" by ECS.
- The school's deficit is now at more than a half-million dollars, accumulated since 2005.
- Catholic School Board administration estimated closing the school on June 30 would save the district nearly $625,000 next year.

1 news

RIM's fortunes continue to decline as the U.S. government's main procurement agency has begun allowing its workers to use iPhones. Scan code for story.

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News in brief

Killam RCMP seize truck

OFFICER SHOOTINGS. Killam RCMP have recovered the black 2000 Chevrolet Silverado belonging to Sawyer Clarke Robison, arrested last week in the shootings of two officers.

RCMP issued a warning about the vehicle as they suspected weapons to be inside. It was found Tuesday in a farmyard southeast of Killam with a .50 caliber sniper rifle inside. METRO

Tories boycott AUMA breakfast

BUDGET CRITICISM. Due to criticism of the 2012 budget by Alberta Urban Munucipalities Association councillor Linda Sloan, no member of the Tory cabinet or caucus will attend the AUMA's breakfast on Thursday. Municipal affairs minister Doug Griffiths stated that in a letter to Sloan. METRO

No windows, no renting

MINISTER. Alberta's municipal affairs minister said Tuesday a report published saying the government is considering changing rules to allow private landlords to rent out windowless suites is not true. Doug Griffiths said any changes would bring health rules closer in line with provincial building codes. METRO

Sorting out our waste

Edmonton featured on Nature of Things airing Thursday on CBC ▶ City's waste management system drew in David Suzuki, daughter for tour

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Edmonton was one of the first cities in North America to have a curbside recycling program.

Since then, a number of innovative ideas and projects have been put into action, leading the city to become known for its waste management system.

"It's always been a focus on diverting (waste) for sustainability," said Jodi Tauber, waste management communications officer.

Current practices see 60 per cent of Edmonton's waste diverted from landfill and once a new biofuels facility opens up in 2015, that number could grow to 90 per cent.

Such things have been noticed by environmentalist David Suzuki.

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▶ Recyclables are sorted at the Edmonton Waste Management Centre, one of many initiatives that have made the facility known around the world.

He and his Nature of Things television crew paid a visit last September for a tour of the Edmonton Waste Management Centre with staff and Coun. Don Iveson.

The footage will be part of The Suzuki Diaries: Future City, airing Thursday at 8 p.m. on CBC.

The show features Suzuki and his daughter, Sarika, exploring how Canada's major cities deal with environmental issues.

Advanced facility

- The Edmonton Waste Management Centre is North America's largest collection of highly advanced, sustainable waste processing and research facilities, says a city report.
- Suzuki's tour included the composting facility; the facility where waste is sorted; the materials recovery area where recyclables are sorted and baled for market; and the Global Electric and Electronic Processing recycling plant.

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LAW AND ORDER

Crown asks for 18-month sentence for Stanley Cup rioter

The Crown says a young man who admitted to participating in the Stanley Cup riot should be sentenced to as much as 18 months in jail, arguing that all the rioters are guilty of robbing the residents of Vancouver of their sense of serenity.

Ryan Dickinson, 20, is the first person to plead guilty in the riot and will be the first sentenced for joining in on the mayhem that followed Game 7 of the Stanley Cup final last June.

Rioters spent hours torching cars, smashing windows and looting stores throughout the city, causing millions of dollars in damage.

In an agreed statement of fact read in court Tuesday, Dickinson admitted to trashing an unmarked police vehicle in downtown Vancouver and tossing a mannequin and a newspaper box at a clothing-store window.

"What is common to all is that the riot has stripped a sense of safety and security from the city of Vancouver," said Crown lawyer Patti Tomasson.

For Dickinson, who already has a criminal record for assault, Tomasson recommended a jail sentence of between 15 and 18 months for the riot charge.

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Former attorneys general light up national pot debate

Calls to legalize marijuana grow as political heavyweights join debate

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Four former B.C. attorneys general have joined the crusade for the legalization of marijuana.

Colin Gabelmann, Ujjal Dosanjh, Graeme Bowbrick and Geoff Plant all signed onto the Stop the Violence B.C. coalition Tuesday and sent a letter to both Premier Christy Clark and NDP Opposition Leader Adrian Dix endorsing legalizing, regulating and taxing marijuana.

Doing so will curb gang violence and crime, raise tax revenue and ease the load of the court system, they say.

"We should be prosecuting murderers and gangsters, not young people for small amounts of possession," Dosanjh said. "It's not a smart way to deal with crime, and there's a significant consensus that is evolving in this country and in the U.S."

The four ex-AGs join four Vancouver mayors who have already joined Stop the Violence B.C.

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▶ Ujjal Dosanjh speaks with reporters outside an Elections Canada office in South Vancouver in November 2008.

Dosanjh thinks continuing the criminalization of marijuana just encourages gangsters to profit off the drug trade and costs taxpayers dearly.

Health organizations, public-policy organizations and think-tanks have called for legalizations, along with many law enforcement associations.

Internet bill reignites debate

The tabling of federal legislation that would give police and spies easier access to information about Internet users reignited a pitched debate Tuesday about whether the measures are unduly invasive.

Justice Minister Rob Nicholson said the legislation was simply an attempt to bring the law into the 21st century, rejecting NDP warnings the bill threatens to turn Canada into a surveillance society.

The bill would allow authorities access to Internet subscriber information — including name, address, telephone number and email address — without first getting a court's go-ahead. Currently, it is voluntary for Internet service providers to hand such data to police.

The legislation would also require telecommunication service providers to have the technical capability to allow authorities to intercept messages and conversations.

The proposed measures pit the desire of intelligence and law-enforcement officials to have ready access to information about people online against the individual's right to privacy.

Nicholson said the proposed changes will give police and security services the tools they need to deal with sophisticated cyber-criminals — from online pedophiles to scam artists — while respecting privacy

He was accompanied by Public Safety Minister Vic Toews and a phalanx of officers at the Ottawa police station, the government's chosen venue for presenting the bill it calls the Protecting Children from Internet Predators Act.

In addition to basic information about the subscriber, the bill would allow police, the Canadian Security Intelligence Service and the Competition Bureau to demand the user's Internet protocol address, a numeric code identifying their computer.

Toews said police often experience hurdles and delays in getting such information from Internet service providers, forcing them to lose precious time in tracking suspects. "It's clear we need a better system."

The government says officers need the subscriber data to persuade a judge to grant a warrant that would only then allow police to see the actual content of messages or a person's web-surfing destinations.

Under the bill, telecommunications providers could be ordered to preserve data for a specified period to give police time to obtain a warrant.

The NDP said the new legislation potentially opens the door to snooping and police fishing expeditions.

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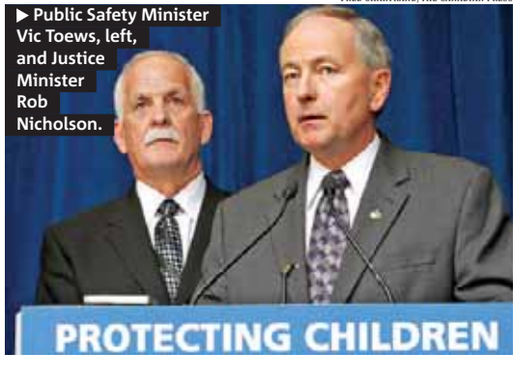

▶ Public Safety Minister Vic Toews, left, and Justice Minister Rob Nicholson.

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Syrian official chastises Canada over sanctions

- Diplomat denies regime is responsible for civilian deaths
- Harper calling for President Bashar Assad to step down

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Bashar Akbik

Syria's top diplomat in Canada is striking back at Ottawa for what he says are "deplorable" sanctions imposed by the Harper government that he insists are harming innocent civilians in his country.

Bashar Akbik, Syria's charge d'affairs, levelled that accusation in an interview with The Canadian Press during which he steadfastly denied that the regime of President Bashar Assad is responsible for the killing of thousands of innocent civilians in a bloody 11-month crackdown on dissent.

Akbik blamed terrorists and criminals for the violence in his country. He said a Western-led "conspiracy" — with Saudi Arabia's collusion — is trying to overthrow his government and that conspiracy is responsible for the carnage that the United Nations says has left more than 5,400 dead.

"Hollywood"-style videos on the Internet that have fabricated scenes of government forces killing innocent civilians are part and parcel of the international plot, he said.

Akbik's denial came within hours of United Nations human-rights chief Navi Pillay's telling the General Assembly that Assad's regime has likely committed crimes against humanity.

"Canada is helping to worsen the life of the Syrian citizens, and the sanctions will bring no result," Akbik said.

"This is really deplorable, the Canadian stand towards the current events in Syria," he added. "Since the first days of the insurgency in Syria, the Canadian government took a belligerent position against the Syrian regime."

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Activists say Syrian people facing 'brutal shelling'

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Civilians flee from fighting after Syrian tanks enter the northwestern city of Idlib on Tuesday.

Syrian government forces renewed their assault on the rebellious city of Homs on Tuesday in what activists described as the heaviest shelling in days, as the UN human rights-chief raised fears of civil war.

Troops loyal to President Bashar Assad have been shelling Homs for more than a week to retake parts of the city captured by rebel forces. Hundreds are believed to have been killed since last Saturday, and the humanitarian conditions in the city have been worsening.

Homs was under "brutal shelling" on Tuesday, the Local Coordination Committees activist group said, citing its network of witnesses on the ground.

Another activist group, the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, said it was the heaviest shelling in days.

With diplomatic efforts bogged down, the conflict in Syria is taking on the dimensions of a civil war, with army defectors clashing almost daily with soldiers.

UN human-rights chief Navi Pillay warned on Monday that the Security Council's failure to take action has emboldened the Syrian government to launch an all-out assault.

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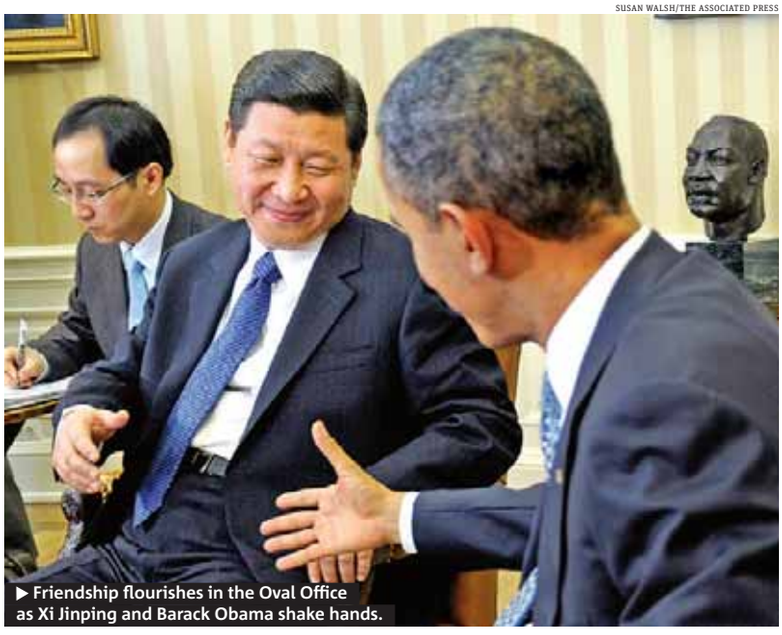

▶ Friendship flourishes in the Oval Office as Xi Jinping and Barack Obama shake hands.

Obama rolls out the welcome mat

▶ Handshakes and warm words at White House for China's man to watch ▶ But outside, a Tibetan protest

The political winds blew hot and cold around the White House on Tuesday.

Inside, U.S. President Barack Obama and the man destined to be China's next leader, Vice-President Xi Jinping, exchanged handshakes and warm words.

"We welcome China's peaceful rise," Obama said in the Oval Office.

"We believe that a strong and prosperous China is one that can help to bring stability and prosperity to the region and to the world."

But outside, protesters waved Tibetan flags and called for a free Tibet, shouting "Shame on Chinese government" and "Stop lying to the world."

Xi was given an elaborate reception at the State Department, full military honours at the Pentagon, a gathering with chief business executives and a dinner at Vice-President Joe Biden's house.

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This man Xi

- Xi's visit is being closely watched because he will likely lead China over the coming decade. After becoming party leader, he is expected to replace Hu Jintao as president in 2013.
- Xi is viewed as more able to make personal connections than Hu, and more willing to step away from the traditional aloofness of Chinese high office.

BANGKOK TERROR

Israel points to Iran after explosions

Israel accused Iran of waging a covert terror campaign after a series of explosions led to the capture of two Iranian nationals in Bangkok.

An Iranian man carrying grenades blew off his own legs and wounded four civilians Tuesday after an earlier blast shook his house in Bangkok.

On Monday, an Israeli diplomat's wife and driver were wounded in New Delhi when a bomb stuck to their minivan exploded. Another device was defused on an Israeli Embassy car in Tbilisi, Georgia.

Israeli TV quoted unidentified Thai authorities as saying the captured Iranians confessed to targeting Israeli interests.

In Israel, security was boosted in public places, at foreign embassies and offices and at Ben-Gurion International Airport.

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Italy wants to reopen Knox case

Italian prosecutors asked the country's highest criminal court Tuesday to reinstate the murder convictions of American Amanda Knox and her former boyfriend in the slaying of British student Meredith Kercher, 21.

Four months ago, the convictions against Knox, 24, and Raffaele Sollecito, 27, were thrown out.

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Romney's not our man: Doggie set

Republican presidential candidate's story about how he treated his Irish setter has alienated pooch lovers

A protest outside the Westminster dog show aimed at Republican presidential frontrunner Mitt Romney drew about a dozen demonstrators Tuesday, plus a few pooches.

The half-hour lunchtime demonstration in front of Madison Square Garden took issue with Romney's oft-told story of travelling with his Irish setter, Seamus, on a family vacation in 1983. Romney has said he put the dog inside a crate and strapped it to the roof rack for a 12-hour drive from Boston to Canada.

Protest spokeswoman Kitty Hendrix said the Dogs Against Romney website that organized the demonstration has about 25,000 members. The protesters held signs that said "Mitt is Mean" and "Dogs Aren't Luggage" and "I Ride Inside."

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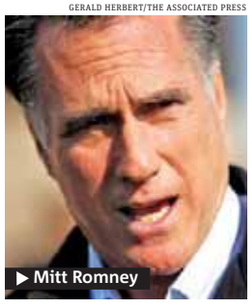

▶ Mitt Romney

The Westminster Kennel Club event is the most prestigious dog show in America and draws 2,000 entries. Hendrix said her group didn't want to interrupt Westminster.

"We're just using this as a backdrop," she said.

A few curious passersby stopped to talk to the protesters, but none of the champion dogs walked by.

"Dogs don't vote!" hollered one man in a hurry.

Al Alvarez held a sign in one hand and the leash to Petey the bull terrier in the other. "I think Romney's attitude toward dogs was indicative of his attitude toward the most vulnerable in our society," he said.

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Serious. Snowfall

▶ Nicolae Cocioaba, 58, raises his hand while holding his hat to show the height of the snow along a road in the village of Silistea Glodeanu, Romania, on Tuesday.

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Snow blankets Romania

More snowstorms resulted in snow as deep as 15 feet in isolated areas of Romania, Moldova and Albania on Tuesday. Helicopters and army trucks were used to deliver food and medicine, and to transport sick people to hospitals.

Rome out of Olympic hunt

Rome dropped its bid for the 2020 Olympics on Tuesday after Premier Mario Monti said the Italian government would not provide financial backing for the multibillion-dollar project at a time of economic crisis.

Monti announced after a cabinet meeting that it would be an irresponsible use of taxpayer money to fund the Olympics with a guarantee that the government would cover any deficit.

"We arrived at this unanimous conclusion that the government didn't feel it was responsible to assume such a guarantee in Italy's current condition," Monti said. "At this time we don't think it would be fitting to commit Italy to this type of guarantee, which could put at risk taxpayers' money."

The costs for hosting the Olympics in Rome had been estimated at $12.5 billion.

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GROWING DREAMS

Teriano, a member of the Maasai tribe of Kenya, has been studying in Toronto for four years. She plans to return to Africa, where she has big dreams of helping her people.

At first glance, Teriano doesn't seem much different from any of thousands of other Ryerson University students. She wears the standard jeans-and-windbreaker uniform, spends most of her time studying and posts pictures of outings and friends on Facebook.

But in fact, Teriano, a fourth-year social-work student, has a remarkable story that shows how the smallest act can have a huge impact.

Teriano was born a member of the Maasai tribe in southern Kenya and immediately promised in marriage to a man who was already 27 years old. "My mother married the same way, my grandma and everybody else. It was just normal to be booked for marriage and to get married at 13 or 14," she explains. "It almost happened to me."

It didn't, because when she was four years old an Australian family sponsored her through World Vision. That meant that after she had completed primary school, she was able to attend high school, and then college for a year in Nairobi. "No girl in my village had ever gone to college or university," she recalls. While her father was baffled by her ambition and bound by the marriage deal he'd made, Teriano convinced him to break it, and to let her go.

She came to Canada four years ago and plans to stay to finish a Masters degree. And her dreams keep growing along with her horizons.

For example, she wants to help women in her village start business cooperatives so that they can support themselves and their families. She'd like to set up a community fund to enable other youth in her village – particularly girls – to go to high school and college. She wants to find out how the Maasai, who raise livestock, can become more efficient farmers.

"I thought, maybe I could talk to farmers in Canada and ask, 'How do you do it?' Information like that could transform our community."

A year and a half ago, Teriano visited her village in Kenya. Four hundred people came to a celebration to honour her. She was amazed. "There were speeches. People blessed me, and said they admired me. Young people said, 'We can do it because you did it.'

"There had been some families in my village who said, 'I will never take my girls to school, only my boys.' That day, I saw their girls in school and thought, 'Yes!'"

The experience made her think: "Sometimes you don't know the impact you are making, just by doing things. Sometimes actions really speak." How true.

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Greece delays on demands, postponing bailout meeting

EU countries, analysts skeptical indebted country will pull through

Two steps forward, one step back. So goes the frenzied effort across Europe to bail out Greece and save it from a potentially devastating default on its debts.

A meeting of the finance chiefs of the 17 euro countries to discuss Greece's second bailout planned for Wednesday was called off Tuesday evening after Athens failed to deliver in time on several demands made by its partners in the currency union.

The last-minute cancellation shows the eurozone wants much tougher guarantees now from Athens before giving it an extra 130 billion euros in rescue loans, on top of 110 billion euros granted in 2010, raising fears that the deal could fall apart.

The meeting was expected to give the green light for a bond-swap deal with private creditors designed to slice some 100 billion euros off Greece's debt. The deal must be finalized by March 20, when Greece faces a bond redemption of 14.5 billion euros.

While the Parliament faced down violent protests on the weekend to approve a new austerity package, the cabinet spent hours Tuesday discussing how to save an extra 325 million euros demanded by the eurozone. Much of the past two years has been spent working to avoid a default in Greece, but the measures around a second bailout have made it difficult it to see how the country can restore growth.

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▶ A worker cleans red and black paint off the Bank of Greece's sign after Sunday's riots in Athens.

CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

'Business as usual' for Air Canada

Travellers flying Air Canada can keep booking their flights as negotiations continue with a new federally appointed mediator to help resolve an ongoing contract dispute between the airline and its pilots.

"It is business as usual," the Montreal carrier's spokesman Peter Fitzpatrick said in an email Tuesday. "Customers can continue to make their travel plans and book in confidence.

Talks are continuing and "we are confident that a disruption will be avoided," Fitzpatrick said.

Results of a pilot vote on a strike mandate were expected to be released later Tuesday and the company is already in a legal position to impose new contract terms or lock out the workers.

The measures give either side 72 hours to serve notice of its intention to impose a work stoppage. Both sides have said they will not use those options while talks continue.

The federal government put pressure on both sides to avoid any disruptions in air travel, saying a strike or lockout would harm the economy during a fragile recovery. Federal Labour Minister Lisa Raitt intervened in the pilots' dispute, initiating a six-month mediation process. THE CANADIAN PRESS

EU urges China to join in efforts

European Union leaders urged China on Tuesday to open its markets, join in persuading Iran to negotiate over its nuclear program and help end bloodshed in Syria during a summit delayed by Europe's debt crisis.

Leaders of the two sides pledged to boost trade and to start negotiations on an investment treaty. But at a news conference, EU officials and Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao expressed differences on issues from trade to human rights.

Europe is China's biggest trading partner but European companies and business groups complain Beijing is trying to limit access to promising industries in violation of its free-trade pledges.

The summit came after rating agency Moody's on Monday downgraded its credit ratings on Italy, Portugal and Spain. France, Britain and Austria kept their top ratings but their outlooks dropped to "negative" from "stable."

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▶ European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso.

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▶ A Boeing 787 Dreamliner arrives in Singapore last Saturday.

Boeing seals largest order

Boeing has locked in its biggest order ever with a little-known airline halfway around the world.

The Chicago airplane manufacturer said Tuesday that it has finalized an order from Indonesian carrier Lion Air for 230 planes —worth $22.4 billion US. It includes 201 of Boeing's redesigned 737 and 29 extended range 737-900s.

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Republicans push for green light on Keystone

Congressional Republicans have resurrected efforts to force a speedy approval of TransCanada's Keystone XL pipeline, attempting to insert provisions aimed at greenlighting the project into legislation before the House of Representatives and the Senate this week.

Mitch McConnell, Senate minority leader, is co-sponsoring the Republicans' Keystone XL amendment to a highway bill that's working its way through the upper chamber. That suggests the Republicans will soon push for a vote in the Senate, where they hold 47 of the chamber's 100 seats.

The House of Representatives will debate a package of energy and transportation proposals, Speaker John Boehner said Tuesday.

The energy component includes a measure that would reverse President Barack Obama's decision to reject the $7.6-billion pipeline. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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▶ Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, accompanied by Sen. John Barrasso of Wyoming, left, speaks on Capitol Hill in Washington on Tuesday.

Market moment

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	Gold
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WEDDING BELLS KEEP THE BEAT

JUST SAYIN' ...

MIKE BENHAIM
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February may be miserable for some of us, but for those crazy Valentines planning their June wedding it's a glorious time.

In my 20 years as a DJ, I have worked more weddings than Kim Kardashian will ever have, and I'm shocked at how many lose sight of the most important ingredient: The music!

How many of you have seen the reality show Musical Weddings? No? That's because there isn't one. And yet there are countless shows about dresses and shoes and chocolate fountains. The industry will have you believe that these things are critical, when we all know that at the very heart of it all is the music. No one will even see your shoes.

On the night of the northeast blackout in 2003, I was doing a wedding. The bridal party was dressed and ready, but there was no electricity. The venue had a generator, which would provide four hours of music if we used nothing else. No flashing lights. No video. No uncle Saul belting out his karaoke rendition of My Way. Just a welcome speech, some drinking and everyone dancing until just past midnight ... on a Thursday.

> **"Some of the best weddings I've ever attended involved tight-knit groups of friends celebrating memories together ..."**

I used to get calls from brides who had paid $2,000 for a dress and $750 for a cake but expected to spend $500 on a DJ because that's how much their cousins paid ... in 1983.

A wedding reception is meant to be a moment of celebration between loved ones. It's not an opportunity to hog the spotlight in front of a captive audience.

If your DJ is energetic, knows his music and observes the crowd, he'll have her aunt Myrna from Flin Flon doing the Cha Cha Slide with his uncle Surjeet from Bombay before the night is done.

Can your cake do that?

No one wants to hear lengthy speeches about your days at summer camp, or watch a 15-minute slide show of your relationship set to the music of Celine Dion.

They want to party, and if you don't think there's a difference between a good DJ and a guy who's there because he knows how to press "play," then you might as well stock the bar with Shirley Temples and virgin daiquiris.

Magazines and wedding planners will tell you that food and decor (and wedding planners) are the most important elements of your affair, but then so will the guy that carves the fruit into animal shapes.

Some of the best weddings I've ever attended involved tight-knit groups of friends celebrating memories together, dancing to '90s music without so much as a glance at the ice sculptures or gold-painted human statues.

Yes, ladies, it is your night, but it's meant to be enjoyed with your loved ones, so feed them, keep them lubricated and hire a DJ or band that rocks. You may actually create a memory that you and your friends will want to relive when that video you paid so much for, is done.

Just sayin'.

More from Mike Benhaim at metronews.ca/backbeat

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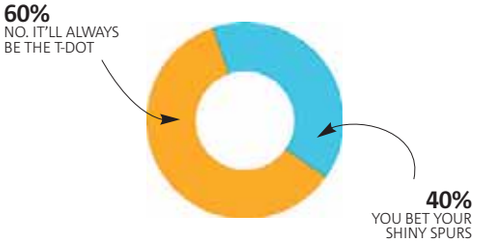
Is the West the new centre of the (Canadian) universe?



Local tweets

- **@The_Real_Anno:** What if this short list Rick Nash submitted only had one city on it...and it was #yeg ! Would you do it #Oiler fans? #NHL #OilChange
- **@BDivineDesigns:** All you need is love. But a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt - Charles Schulz. #YEG Love!
- **@TrevorBoller:** I wonder if the Mayor has a #Valentines collection box on his desk? #YEG
- **@cordsandthreads:** lovely day out there #yeg plenty of sunshine!
- **@Terry:** Saw an aftermath of a pretty bad accident by JP high. One vehicle was on its side & another front end was smashed it. Hope all are ok #YEG
- **@jhaggett:** I think I'm going to BBQ tonight..... Ahh yes.. #yeg #winterwhat?
- **@HeatherMisek:** Great day to sit in the sun at Rabbit Hill watching the kids skiing & boarding #yeg #ABWeather
- **@Brenderous:** I wish Edmonton had a Lego store. #yeg http://hootsuite.com/dashboard" #lego #yego

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Daily Zoom

Surfing the rocks

Rock only seen by chosen few

ARIZONA. British photographer Simon Byrne is on the crest of a wave of success after becoming one of the lucky few to learn the secret location of this stunning sandstone formation. The 31-year-old needed a special permit before he was given "rough guidelines" to find The Wave in a remote spot in Arizona. MWN

60 seconds

What were your first thoughts after you found The Wave?
Spectacular. One minute you're hiking across the desert, and suddenly you're there. I was amazed how perfectly formed and preserved this sandstone phenomenon is. Every inch you move changes the whole dynamic of the scene, meaning you can explore The Wave for hours.

You're among the lucky few to actually find The Wave. Why so?
Guidelines to find this were only provided to those lucky to get a permit in a lottery.

What do you love about this photograph?
How all the lines connect together. They seem to run around the whole structure and don't seem to have a beginning or an end. It's almost like a sea reaching a tideline. MWN

The Wave

- **Location.** Somewhere in the 112,500-acre Paria Canyon-Vermilion Cliffs Wilderness, near the Arizona/Utah border.
- **Jurassic Rock.** 190-million-year-old sand dunes that turned to stone.
- **Best time to photograph The Wave?** Around midday when no shadows are cast in centre.

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Dancing with the Devil

Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance is the latest film to pit Hollywood heroes against Satan

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▶ In Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance, Johnny Blaze is called out of hiding to stop the devil, who is trying to take human form.

IN FOCUS

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In this weekend's Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance, Johnny Blaze, played by Nicolas Cage, joins a long line of movie characters in the ultimate fight — battling Satan! Everyone from Jack Black to Viggo Mortensen to Santa Claus has been hell bent on battling Old Scratch on the big screen.

In Tenacious D in The Pick of Destiny, Jack Black and Kyle Glass play heavy metal musicians who must play a musical battle with Lucifer.

"The demon code prevents me from declining the rock off challenge," says Old Scratch before they engage in a metal showdown. If they win, they'll be superstars and the keepers of the magic pick made of Satan's tooth. Lose and Kyle gets a new roommate — the prince of darkness.

The Devil in Prince of Darkness takes a slightly different form than Pick of Destiny's traditional ruby-skinned imp. In this John Carpenter chiller the Devil is an alien life form trapped in an alternate world. Meanwhile, his son lives on our planet, boiled down into a vat of sinister-looking green liquid.

E-critic.com hated the movie, suggesting the advertising tagline for the movie should be: It's NEW and IMPROVED LIQUID SATAN!!!, but it has some good thrills, a moody synthesize score, a cameo by Alice Cooper and a great performance by Donald Pleasance as a priest who does battle with the Devil.

One critic called The Prophecy "Paradise Lost reimagined as a droll B horror picture."

Christopher Walken plays an angel trying to wage war against God. You might imagine that would put him in league with the Devil, but you'd be wrong. "Your war is arrogance," says Mephistopheles, who looks a lot like Viggo Mortensen, "That makes it evil. That's mine."

The movie spawned four sequels, but the original remains the best, if only to watch Mortensen deliver lines like, "While heaven may be closed I am always open, even on Christmas."

And speaking of Christmas, one of the strangest cinematic demonic battles happens in the Mexican fantasy film Santa Claus. Described as "Ho Ho Horrible!" by one critic, it's cut-rate and cheesy but has a certain kitschy charm.

Sometimes referred to as Santa Claus Conquers the Devil, this weird movie sees St Nick shoot the Devil with toy arrows. Though marketed to kids, the Mystery Science Theater 3000 folks summed it up best when they said the movie is "good old-fashioned nightmare fuel."

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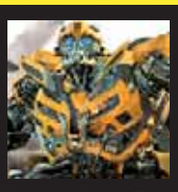
Scene in brief



Director Michael Bay plans a fresh take on shape-shifting robots with the fourth installment in his Transformers franchise. Paramount Pictures announced Monday night that Bay will return to direct the next chapter in the blockbuster sci-fi series, due in theatres June 29, 2014.
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The last man still standing

Dizzy Reed of Guns N' Roses shows a little patience **Talks about members who have left and now a reunion**

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▶ Dizzy Reed remains thankful to Axl Rose for the chance he got to play in Guns N' Roses.

The only person who has been in Guns N' Roses longer than keyboard player Dizzy Reed is Axl Rose. Reed joined the band in the early '90s. Although he wasn't in the picture for the band's club days, Guns N' Roses is returning to these roots this week, with a series of club shows to coincide with Fashion Week. These intimate Fashion Week gigs have become a bit of a tradition for GnR, one which Reed says he finds a little baffling.

Why Fashion Week?

I don't really know the answer to that question, but I ask myself that question sometimes. It's a cool thing to be a part of it, but from my perspective it's a bit of a quintessential New York experience. And rock 'n' roll and fashion have always sort of been intertwined.

You're also returning to the Ritz, which although it's now called Webster Hall, is where Guns N' Roses performed a classic show that ran on MTV for a long time.

I think that was one of the moments out here (in Los Angeles) where we all sort of realized that Guns were gonna blow up.

> **"I think coming into the band as I did, I just had a different perspective on it. I was pretty grateful to be called up."**
> DIZZY REED

You talk of people coming and going. How have you stayed in the band so long?

I think coming into the band as I did, I just had a different perspective on it. I was pretty grateful to be called up to be a part of what was such a huge thing at the time, and if I ever start drifting off into any sort of place where maybe I want to do a little more for myself I just try to remind myself that I'm pretty darn lucky.

Axl gets a bad rap for the ways he has led this band, but you've worked with him for so long.

He's a great, great man. He's done a lot for me and my family and for so many other people. And people don't know that about him. And you know what? He's always got some great jokes, man.

Do you know what's going to happen with GnR's induction into the Hall in April? There are rumors of a reunion of the original lineup.

I haven't gotten any details. I spoke with the people of that institution. They gave me a call and told me to mark it on the calendar, to be there.

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Nicki Minaj versus the Catholic Church

Star's self-exorcism performance at Grammys panned

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By aiming to prove to the world that she's not just Lil' Kim reincarnated, Nicki Minaj tried to make her mark on Sunday night's Grammy Awards by performing an over-the-top — and highly panned — rendition of her single Roman Holiday.

The performance featured a self-exorcism, dancing monks and nuns, burning flames and Minaj speaking in tongues. Basically, the whole production made The Phantom of the Opera look like high art.

And now Catholics are (rightfully) angry, with the Catholic League releasing a scathing statement by president Bill Donohue, who places the blame on both Minaj and the Recording Academy, the organization that hands out the Grammys, for letting such an "offensive" performance air.

"Whether Minaj is possessed is surely an open question, but what is not in doubt is the irresponsibility of the Recording Academy," he wrote. "Never would they allow an artist to insult Judaism or Islam."

▶ Nicki Minaj has people still talking about her average Grammy performance.

In her defence, Minaj says that the Recording Academy wanted her to do Roman Holiday.

"I could have chosen to do a no-brainer pop song, but I can't do it anymore. I have to stay true to what I am doing," she told Ryan Seacrest on his radio show yesterday.

This whole thing is so silly. First of all, doesn't the Catholic Church have a few things to worry about other than the antics of a fame-hungry pop star's misguided attempt for attention?

But I'll tell you what is incredible, dear reader: We're still talking about the usually dull Grammy Awards a full three days after it aired.

That has to be some kind of record.

Houston returned to Newark

Whitney Houston's body has returned to Newark, N.J., where a funeral is expected to be held for the late pop star some time this week, according to TMZ.

Her remains were reportedly flown from Los Angeles to Newark late Monday night aboard Tyler Perry's private jet.

"Tyler Perry rushed to the L.A. hospital Saturday as soon as he heard about Whitney's death and immediately offered up his private plane to the family," a source tells the Web site.

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▶ Whitney Houston

Talking points

Lohan can't catch a break

SELLING LILO'S LIFE. Lindsay Lohan's run of bad luck apparently extends to her selection of a moving company, as the folks hired to haul her possessions away from her recently vacated Venice Beach home are reportedly now selling photos of Lohan's belongings, according to Hollyscoop.

Worse than that, the company is also said to be looking to sell information about where the actress plans to move and what storage facility she is currently using for her stuff. METRO

Shakira has a close call

WHEN ANIMALS ATTACK Shakira had a rather close encounter with nature while on vacation.

"I was attacked by a sea lion!" the Colombian pop star writes on her Facebook page. "This afternoon I happened to see some sea lions and seals. I thought to myself how cute they were so I decided to get a bit closer than all of the other tourists and went down to a rock trying to pet them and doing baby talk. Suddenly, one of them jumped out of the water so fast and impetuously that it got about one foot away from me, looked me in the eye, roared in fury and tried to bite me."

After the incident, the singer surmised that the sea lion had mistook her BlackBerry for a fish.

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Aniston not keen on kids

AT PEACE WITH HER LIFE Despite all the outside focus on her romantic fortunes, Jennifer Aniston says she isn't interested in attaining the picture-perfect life.

"I think that's sort of cliché, isn't it? Like, if you want to be happy, you should have the house, the husband, the kids," Aniston tells GQ magazine. "Kids are messy!"

As for what might happen family-wise with boyfriend Justin Theroux?

"I still kind of go with. If it happens, it happens," she says. "I'm calm and peaceful with whatever the plan is. It's not something where I'm going, 'I gotta have a kid!'"

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Celebrity tweets

@iamwandasykes

"Hmm, I wonder if Lady Gaga ever got out of that net. #grammysleftovers"

@AlbertBrooks

"If the Greeks shortened their names wouldn't they save a lot of money?"

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"Watched a bit of Real Housewives of Beverly Hills. Don't know how science gave that many platypuses the power of speech."

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"This Means War is based on something that happened to me."

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Get a taste for Halifax

Nova Scotia's capital is known for fishing, the Bluenose and Alexander Keith's brewery
But the city is also carving a name for itself as a destination for foodies

With the Atlantic ocean lapping at its front door, it's no secret a trip to Halifax pairs nicely with a side of fish and chips. But adventurous gourmets may be surprised to learn the seaside capital also offers up a smorgasbord of dining options that local foodies say rivals big city competitors.

"When you think of Halifax, seafood — no question — comes to mind as a leading commodity," says Patricia Lyall, executive director of Destination Halifax, the city's tourism marketing organization.

But with some 500 bistros, pubs, fine dining rooms, supper clubs, diners and international eateries in the sprawling municipality, Lyall says there are plenty of opportunities to push the boundaries of your palate. "You can very easily plan to dine out seven days a week and not replicate the experience."

That doesn't get much easier than in February when the Restaurant Association of Nova Scotia hosts the annual Savour Food and Wine Festival.

The event was launched nine years ago to promote the province's restaurant industry during what's widely considered a slow season in the business.

The month-long pageant of dinner, drinks and desserts includes four events: a chocolate, wine and cheese showcase (it was held at the beginning of the month); a rare and fine wine tasting (Feb. 17, sold out); and Dine Around, an offering of three-course, prix-fixe menus at participating restaurants (all month). The highlight of the festival is the Savour Food and Wine Show on Feb. 23 — a one-night-only epicurean extravaganza hosted by some of Nova Scotia's most inspired chefs. Tickets for the popular event are typically sold out a week in advance.

"I think Nova Scotians have been educated; there's a lot more travel and people want to have a better quality product," says Joe McGuinness, festival chairman and co-owner of Durty Nelly's, an Irish pub located on Argyle Street. "We're now a cosmopolitan city offering a wide variety of local and ethnic cuisine."

But while variety may be the spice of life, local restaurateurs say the city's affection for local products is key to its culinary appeal.

Downtown, a couple of blocks away from bustling Spring Garden Road, is Morris East. The small but stylish restaurant serves up gourmet, thin-crust pizzas and boasts what it says is the city's only real wood-fired oven. The oven came from Naples; its chef hails from Halifax.

"A lot of people are very concerned about where their food is coming from," says Lauren Marshall, who has whipped up a vegetarian dish for the Savour show that features handmade pasta, local veggies and Nova Scotia cheese.

Tucked away in the north end is Chez Tess Creperie, offering sweet and savoury crepes served with Annapolis Valley cider. On historic Barrington Street sits Chives Canadian Bistro, known for its eclectic menu that favours local food producers.

And, of course, there's no shortage of seafood — with a twist. Spots like Fid Resto on Dresden Row serve up seared Atlantic salmon with pickled plums and poutine made with fresh Nova Scotia lobster.

Lyall says it's only in recent years that Destination Halifax began considering dining out as more than a basic travel need, but as a tourism draw.

She admits being initially surprised by the diversity and expertise the city has to offer. Now, Lyall believes Halifax can "punch above its weight" and compete with any cosmopolitan city.

McGuinness agrees.

"The old perception of it being a sleepy fishing village, that's long gone."

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Lauren Marshall is the head chef at Morris East, the only restaurant in Halifax with a real wood-fired oven.

If you go...

- Tickets for the Savour Food and Wine show cost $79 plus tax. For detailed information on the festival, visit savourfoodandwine.com.
- durtynellys.ca
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Travel in brief

A large-scale art installation comprising 200 tents set up on the grounds of Fort York National Historic Site in Toronto is being planned to help mark the bicentennial of the War of 1812. The Encampment, commissioned by the City of Toronto and the Luminato arts festival, will be staged each evening from June 8 to 24, serving as "a massive collective expression of art and history," say promoters.

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Ga., county buys garden of late folk artist Howard Finster that was featured in R.E.M. video

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In New York fashion

Exhibit looks back at 50 years of fashion design in North America

Paris has its scarves and skinny suits, Milan has its luxe leather and London its swinging miniskirts, but ask American designers what they've added to fashion and the collective answer is democracy, from wrap dresses worn by working women in the 1970s to a dress worn by the first lady.

The Council of Fashion Designers of America, in honour of its 50th anniversary this year, asked its membership, which includes president Diane von Furstenberg, Marc Jacobs, Sean Combs and Michael Kors, to craft their own "impact statements" and choose outfits and photos they feel best represent their signature styles for a new exhibit opening Saturday at the Museum at FIT in Manhattan.

There are 80 outfits on display in the show, called Impact: 50 Years of the CFDA, but the works of 450 designers are represented in a multimedia display and a companion book.

"There is something magical about the way this group was founded back in 1962, in a small room off of Seventh Avenue.

"It was the brain trust of 20 passionate designers who were motivated to create a safe haven for the members of their community.

"They sought to protect and promote their own," von Furstenberg writes in the book.

Von Furstenberg lent to the museum one of her original wrap dresses from the 1970s, a symbol of the working-women's movement, while Oscar de la Renta, a former CFDA president, offered up a gown, accented in neon, from his current spring collection. (De la Renta always says his newest designs are his most important.)

A surprise came from Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen in talking about their contribution, said Patricia Mears, museum deputy director and curator.

They didn't note their celebrity or even the accolades earned by their collection The Row, instead saying they were most proud of a commitment to manufacturing in the United States.

"Impact in America is interpreted a lot of ways. It has a lot of diversity. It could be making things affordable, it could be quality like haute couture," said Mears.

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If you go...

The Museum at FIT: Seventh Avenue at 27th Street, New York City; http://fitnyc.edu/334.asp or 212-217-4558. Open Tuesday-Friday, noon-8 p.m, Sundays 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Free admission. Impact: 50 Years of the CFDA runs Feb. 10 - April 17.

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▶ One of the pieces at the exhibit.

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▶ The exhibit gives a cultural context to fashion throughout the years.

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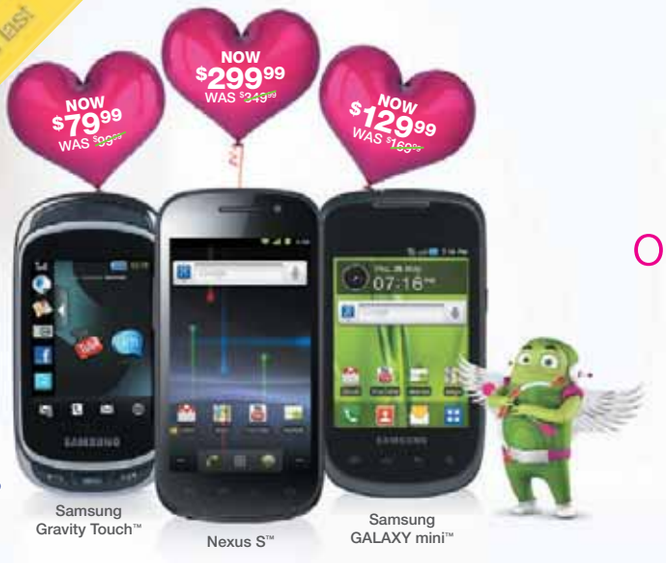

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- 3 tbsp (45 mL) vodka
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) pomegranate juice
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Fill glass with ice and pour in vodka and pomegranate juice. with lemon beverage. Garnish with lemon slice and serve.

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Add some Mediterranean sunshine to your table with this refreshing turkey scaloppine

This meal takes its inspiration from the Mediterranean with the use of olives and feta cheese.

The fresh taste of tomatoes and herbs adds colour and texture to this tender and easy weeknight meal.

Preparation:

1. Fresh Tomato and Herb Salsa: In bowl, combine tomatoes, olives, green onion, oil, salt, pepper, basil, chopped mint and feta.
2. Coat turkey in flour, shaking off any excess. Sprinkle with salt and pepper.
3. In non-stick skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat. Cook turkey in two batches about 4 minutes per side, until crisp and golden and no longer pink inside. Keep in warm oven while cooking second batch of turkey.
4. Divide turkey among 4 plates and top with fresh salsa.

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Ingredients:

Fresh Tomato and Herb Salsa

- 500 ml (2 cups) chopped fresh tomatoes
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) pitted kalamata olives, halved
- 1 green onion, sliced
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) olive oil
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) each sea salt and fresh pepper
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) chopped fresh basil
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) fresh mint
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) crumbled feta

- 4 turkey scaloppine cutlets
- 30 ml (1 tbsp) all purpose flour
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) each sea salt and fresh pepper
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) olive oil

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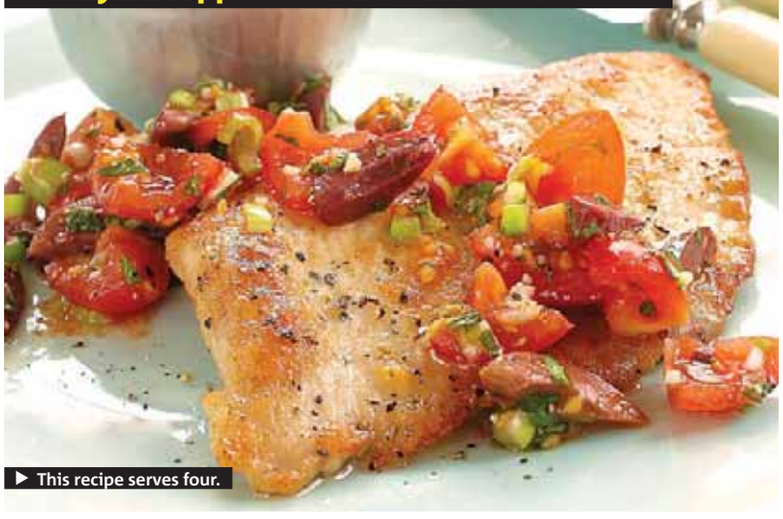
Turkey Scaloppine with Tomato & Herb Salsa



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This Turkey & Swiss Avocado BLT is a great idea when you're looking for a simple lunch option for two

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Turkey & Swiss Avocado BLT

This recipe serves two.

If you're seeking a casual lunch idea, sandwiches are the way to go.

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This Turkey & Swiss BLT has an added avocado twist, offering a creamy texture that goes well with the swiss cheese.

Serve the tasty sandwich with a few kettle chips, fries or a garden salad for a casual lunch. Don't forget the pickle on the side!

Preparation:

1. Spread the light mayonnaise on all slices of grain bread.
2. On two slices of the grain bread, placethe lettuce, tomato, bacon, avocado, turkey and top with the Swiss cheese.
3. Top the sandwiches with remaining 2 slices of bread. Cut each in half and serve with your choice of side.

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Ingredients:

- 3 tbsp (45 mL) light mayonnaise
- 4 slices 7 or 12 grain bread
- 2 green leaf or Romaine lettuce
- 1 tomato, sliced
- 4 sliced cooked turkey bacon
- Half an avocado, peeled, pitted and sliced
- 4 oz (125 g) sliced roast turkey breast
- 6 slices Swiss cheese

Do your work to get the work

The call came in and they want to meet you! Best to add these crucial items to your 'ace the interview' to-do list

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Congratulations! You landed a job interview at your dream company.

A lot of hard work has gone into determining the right companies to apply to, network with, write fantastic cover letters and submit applications to.

Now it's time to prove you are even better in person. Here we offer up six tried-and-true tips to prepare for the interview.

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▶ Remember that an interview works both ways — you are interviewing the company to see if it's the right fit for you just as they are interviewing you.

1 Get organized Write down the date, time and location of your interview in your smart phone or date book right away.

Tip: Ask the recruiter for key information like the name of your interviewer and the interview style to help you prepare in the below steps.

2 Research the company Check out their mission statement, values/competences, services or products, case studies, awards, blog and executives. Be confident that you can summarize why you want to work at the company and why you are a great fit with this company,

Tip: Print off any key information you've found and highlight it or take notes. Don't be afraid to take this prep package with you to the interview in a folder so they see you are prepared. Also write down any questions you have to ask to determine if the company is the right fit for you and you are the right fit for them.

3 Get the real story via social media Check out their Facebook page to see photos, comments and general company news. This can be a great place to see company social event photos. See if they have a twitter account so you can check out what your future colleagues are tweeting about.

Tip: Seeing the inside scoop from current employees helps you understand your future colleagues and the real experience working at Company X.

4 Research your interviewers If you have the interviewer names, check them out on LinkedIn. See how long they have been with the company, positions they have held.

Tip: You can use this information when asking them about their experience at X Company or when asking questions. Example: "I see that you have been at X for five years and have worked in the recruiting and marketing teams tell me why you love working here…" This shows you went above and beyond in your research.

5 Research the industry
• What are top trends in the industry right now?
• Who are the biggest competitors of this company?

Tip: Use this information when they ask you the question, "Why do you want to join company X or what interests you about this industry?" Show that you are passionate about the industry and well versed!

6 Reach out to connections Do you have any friends that work at the company or have interviewed? Find out what type of interview questions they ask — behaviour based? Is there a competency exam?

Tip: Getting the inside scoop always sets you up for success. If you have a friend who works there, ask them about the person interviewing you and typical questions. Also, don't be afraid to ask them to refer you or highlight your name.

Practice being interviewed
Have a family member, friend or roommate ask you the questions and practice giving answers. Some great sites will not only list the question but also key skills to highlight.

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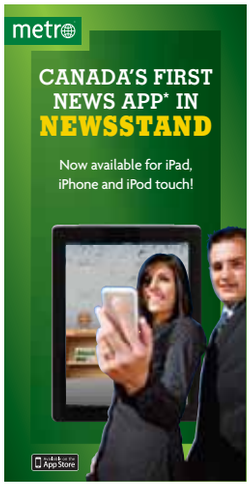

Sports jobs for the rest of us

You dream of a court-side career but you can't shoot a hoop to save your life Don't throw in the towel just yet! There may just be a job for you

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▶ When it comes to securing a job in the sports world, the ball is in your court.

Glenn Capeloto still recalls the score of the very first professional sporting event he ever attended: Supersonics 146, 76ers 136. It was 1969, and it was love at first sight.

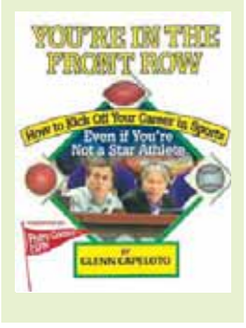
Later, while attending the University of Washington, Capeloto did radio play-by-play for Huskies Football. And he has managed to keep his toe in the sports industry ever since, working as a statistician, copy writer, salesman and just about anything else that keeps him in the front row.

"I didn't make it as a sportscaster — which was my initial dream — but I still got to be side-by-side with Vin Scully. There's just an inexplicable energy to being in the press box. It's a special fraternity," he explains. "I did dozens of jobs in pro sports, and none of them require that you be seven-foot-two or hit a baseball 450 feet."

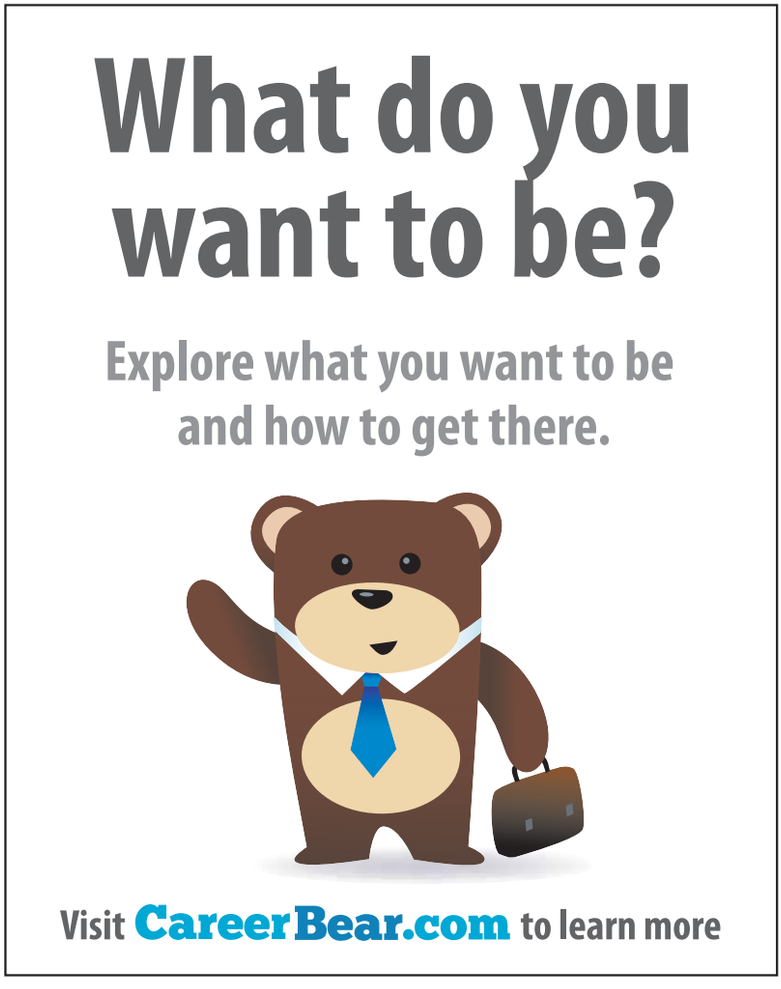
Capeloto's first book, You're In the Front Row: How to Kick Off Your Career in Sports, Even if You're Not a Star Athlete, will be released this month.

In 368 pages, he profiles dozens of behind-the-scenes careers in sports, picking the brains of many industry professionals — from referees to equipment managers — to find out how to get one's foot in the door.

"The sports information office at your local college is a great place to start breaking in," explains Capeloto.



"These places thrive and survive off of contributions from volunteers and interns. But mostly you just want to get involved anywhere you can. Think of it as a tryout. You're trying that particular specialty on for size, and you're looking for a fit."



Narrowing the field

Many factors in play when choosing camp for kids

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▶ Keep your child's interests in mind when choosing a camp.

With no shortage of camps to choose from in the Edmonton area, there are a few things parents should keep in mind to help make the decision process easier when picking out a camp for their kids.

First and foremost, finding a camp that corresponds with a child's interests will help narrow the list of possibilities.

"If you keep the interests of your child in mind, there's definitely going to be something for everyone," says Meghan Collins, a partner in the Halifax website, hrmparent.ca.

As children get older, it is important to involve them in the decision-making process as well, especially given that camps will be taking place when it is a holiday for them.

Price is a determining factor and parents should also see if there are any additional fees, such as early and late pick-up charges.

"What are you getting for the cost?" asks Trever Turner, the recreation programmer at NAIT. "Is it a full-day camp or is it a half-day camp?"

Timing is another important consideration and parents should look for a camp that has a schedule similar to what their children are used to.

"If it's completely different from what their daytime schedule is normally like, that could be pretty exhausting for them and take away from the fun of the situation," says Collins.

Other factors that might be worth considering are what camps a child's friends are going to since it might make certain camps more (or less) appealing. It could also help make transportation to and from easier as it opens up the possibility of carpooling.

Before making a final decision, parents should do a little research about the training and screening programs in place for camp staff. Do staff have CPR training? What about first-aid training? Have they had criminal background checks done?

Parents should also examine the program schedule and see if the activities are age appropriate, whether there is some flexibility in what the children can do, and whether the program has a good amount of variety.

"I don't think you want to do the same activity every day," Turner says.

"For example, if our kids are in the gym three times a week, I stress to the counsellors that we don't want to be doing the same activities in the gym each time because the kids will get bored."

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Seeking some security

As he approaches free agency, Ales Hemsky looking for long-term deal from Oilers

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▶ Ales Hemsky is chased by Ottawa's Jared Cowen on Saturday.

It makes sense to Ales Hemsky.

If the veteran forward is going to stay with the Edmonton Oilers rather than test the free-agent market this summer, it would have to be on a long-term contract.

The question is, will it make sense for the Oilers?

If not, Edmonton general manager Steve Tambellini could look at trading Hemsky by the Feb. 27 trade deadline rather than risk losing him for nothing when he becomes an unrestricted free agent July 1.

Expect an answer in the next 14 days.

"I think it's important for everybody," Hemsky said when asked if a long-term deal is important to him. "It's your life. The security you can have signing a long-term deal, that's probably the best option you can do.

"I've been here for a long time, for 10 years, and worked hard to become a free agent."

Hemsky, 28, has played every one of his 532 regular-season games with the Oilers since being drafted 13th overall in 2001. He's in the final year of a six-year contract that pays him $5 million US this season.

What makes sense for Hemsky, if he's not going to take advantage of leverage as an unrestricted free agent, is a long-term deal. What role Hemsky will have on a roster laden with young talent like Taylor Hall, Jordan Eberle and Ryan Nugent-Hopkins is also a prime consideration.

"If you want to stay here, you want to know what kind of role you will have and where you fit," Hemsky said as the team prepared to host the Toronto Maple Leafs on Wednesday.

"You can't just stay here if you will be on the fourth line or third line. It's got to make sense for me, too, in the end. I'd like it to make sense for both sides, but, in the end, for me it's got to make sense, too."

With 419 points in his 532 games, plus 17 more in 30 playoff games, Hemsky is undoubtedly a gifted offensive talent. The question with Hemsky in recent years has been his durability.

Shoulder injuries and subsequent surgery limited him to 47 games last season and 22 in 2009-10. Recovering from surgery last spring, Hemsky has missed 13 of Edmonton's 55 games this season. Might the Oilers prefer a shorter term than what Hemsky wants?

"We've spoken with Ales' agent for quite some time," Tambellini said Tuesday. "I mean, last year he missed a significant amount of time. He rehabbed well. We spoke over the summer. We've had recent conversations.

"I would expect to have, you know, probably more conversations up until closer to the deadline."

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Oilers preview

Toronto at Edmonton
8 p.m.
TV: SNET

The Maple Leafs (28-23-6) head from Calgary, where they lost 5-1 last night, to Edmonton (22-28-5). The Oilers haven't played since Saturday, when Taylor Hall scored in overtime to beat Ottawa 4-3. Hall has 19 goals this season, three shy of his rookie season total in 20 fewer games played. Phil Kessel has at least 30 goals for the fourth straight season and is on pace to reach 40 for the first time in his career.
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Messam signs with Dolphins: Source

Jerome Messam is now a member of the Miami Dolphins.

A CFL source requesting anonymity said the Edmonton Eskimos tailback signed a multi-year contract with the NFL's Miami Dolphins on Tuesday.

Reports late Saturday said the CFL's outstanding Canadian last year signed with Miami. However, hours later a league source confirmed that while Messam had a copy of the contract in his possession, he hadn't signed it and was instead going through it.

That left the 26-year-old Messam technically still under contract with the Eskimos. However, he was in the option year of his CFL deal and had until Thursday to sign with an NFL club.

Messam was one of the few remaining CFL players still with a window to sign NFL deals while in their option as he signed his present deal prior to the CFL's latest collective bargaining agreement in 2010. That deal called for the option window to be eliminated following February 2012.

Financial details of the three-year deal — including any potential signing bonus — weren't immediately available. But the NFL rookie minimum salary in 2012 will be $390,000 US, which is significantly more than what Messam would make this season in Edmonton.

Messam enjoyed a banner 2011 campaign with Edmonton, becoming the first Canadian since 2000 to crack the 1,000-yard rushing plateau. The six-foot-three, 245-pound Toronto native, who grew up in Brampton, Ont., ran for 1,057 yards and was named the CFL's outstanding Canadian as well as a league all-star.

Messam's season ended in the West Division semifinal when he suffered a torn meniscus in his knee that required surgery.

Edmonton acquired Messam from the B.C. Lions prior to the start of the 2011 season for a 2013 fifth-round selection.

Despite his immense talent, Messam wore out his welcome in Vancouver due to a series of transgressions that culminated in a suspension by the CFL team prior to being dealt to Edmonton.

In 2010, he broke former Lions teammate Paris Jackson's jaw in a dressing-room fight and received a suspended sentence and fine for an altercation in a London, Ont., nightclub.

But Messam took full advantage of his second chance with Edmonton under first-year head coach Kavis Reed. If Messam signs with Miami, his departure means the Eskimos have to open the 2012 season with neither Messam nor quarterback Ricky Ray, who was dealt to the Toronto Argonauts earlier this off-season. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-NY Rangers	55	37	13	1	4	156	110	79	18-6-0-2	19-7-1-2	8-1-0-1	W4
d-Boston	54	34	18	1	1	184	123	70	18-10-1-1	16-8-0-0	4-5-1-0	L1
d-Florida	55	27	17	5	6	141	152	65	14-5-1-6	13-12-4-0	6-3-0-1	W3
Pittsburgh	56	32	19	2	3	175	148	69	17-7-2-0	15-12-0-3	7-2-0-1	W2
Philadelphia	56	31	18	2	5	182	169	69	13-9-1-4	18-9-1-1	3-4-0-3	L2
New Jersey	56	32	20	1	3	158	156	68	15-10-0-3	17-10-1-0	6-2-0-2	W1
Ottawa	59	29	22	6	2	173	181	66	15-11-2-1	14-11-4-1	2-6-2-0	W1
Toronto	57	28	23	3	3	172	171	62	16-9-2-2	12-14-1-1	5-4-0-1	L4
Washington	56	28	23	2	3	156	160	61	19-8-0-2	9-15-2-1	3-4-2-1	L3
Winnipeg	58	26	26	3	3	140	164	58	16-9-0-2	10-17-3-1	4-6-0-0	L2
NY Islanders	56	24	24	5	3	134	160	56	12-13-5-0	12-11-1-2	5-3-1-1	W1
Montreal	57	23	25	2	7	152	154	55	11-12-2-5	12-13-0-2	6-4-0-0	L1
Tampa Bay	56	24	26	3	3	155	189	54	15-9-1-1	9-17-2-2	5-3-2-0	L2
Buffalo	56	24	26	3	3	137	162	54	13-11-3-3	11-15-0-0	5-4-0-1	L2
Carolina	57	21	25	7	4	147	175	53	14-12-0-3	7-13-7-1	5-1-3-1	W1

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Detroit	58	39	17	1	1	185	136	80	24-2-1-0	15-15-0-1	7-2-0-1	W4
d-Vancouver	56	35	15	0	6	180	139	76	16-6-0-4	19-9-0-2	7-0-0-3	W1
d-San Jose	54	31	17	3	3	158	130	68	18-9-2-0	13-8-1-3	5-4-0-1	W1
St. Louis	56	34	15	1	6	140	113	75	24-3-1-3	10-12-0-3	6-3-0-1	L1
Nashville	57	33	18	3	3	161	150	72	18-7-2-2	15-11-1-1	6-2-0-2	W1
Chicago	57	29	21	4	3	176	174	65	19-6-1-3	10-15-3-0	1-8-1-0	L9
Los Angeles	57	27	19	5	6	124	124	65	15-11-0-4	12-8-5-2	4-4-1-1	W1
Phoenix	57	27	21	3	6	149	146	63	14-10-2-2	13-11-1-4	6-2-0-2	L1
Calgary	57	27	22	4	4	139	152	62	16-8-1-1	11-14-3-3	6-2-1-1	W2
Colorado	57	28	25	3	1	146	159	60	16-13-0-1	12-12-3-0	4-4-1-1	L1
Dallas	56	28	25	0	3	146	160	59	15-11-0-2	13-14-0-1	4-5-0-1	L3
Minnesota	56	25	23	2	6	126	146	58	13-10-1-2	12-13-1-4	3-6-0-1	L5
Anaheim	56	23	24	4	5	146	164	55	15-13-2-0	8-11-2-5	6-2-1-1	W2
Edmonton	55	22	28	1	4	147	165	49	15-8-1-2	7-20-0-2	5-4-0-1	W1
Columbus	57	17	34	1	5	133	186	40	10-15-1-2	7-19-0-3	4-6-0-0	W1

d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Last night's results
Calgary 5 Toronto 1
N.Y. Islanders 3 Winnipeg 1
Ottawa 4 Tampa Bay 0
New Jersey 4 Buffalo 1
N.Y. Rangers 3 Boston 0
Columbus 2 St. Louis 1
Anaheim 2 Minnesota 1
Nashville 3 Chicago 2
Detroit 3 Dallas 1
Monday's results
Carolina 5 Montreal 3
Vancouver 2 Phoenix 1 (SO)
San Jose 5 Washington 3
Tonight's games
Anaheim at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Boston at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
Ottawa at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Edmonton, 10 p.m.
Colorado at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
Chicago at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Buffalo at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
San Jose at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Winnipeg at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Calgary at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.
Friday's games
Anaheim at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
San Jose at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Montreal at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Nashville at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Winnipeg, 8:30 p.m.
Colorado at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.

FLAMES 5, MAPLE LEAFS 1

First Period
1. Calgary, Tanguay 7 (Jokinen, Brodie) 4:43
2. Calgary, Jokinen 18 (Tanguay, Iginla) 8:13
3. Toronto, Bozak 13 (Lupul, Kessel) 16:42
Penalty — Komisarek Cal (interference) 12:47.
Second Period
4. Calgary, Byron 3, 9:15 (penalty shot)
Penalties — Bouma Cal (tripping) 12:21, Cammalleri Cal (tripping) 17:44.
Third Period
5. Calgary, Comeau 4 (Cammalleri, Kostopoulos) 15:09
6. Calgary, Iginla 22 (Tanguay) 17:44
Penalties — Butler Cal (holding) 10:34, MacArthur Tor (tripping) 18:23.
Shots on goal

Toronto	17	13	12	—42
Calgary	12	7	15	—34

Goal — Toronto: Gustavsson (L,16-12-1); Calgary: Kiprusoff (W,26-17-4).
Power plays (goals-chances) — Toronto: 0-4; Calgary: 0-2.
Referees — Mike Hasenfratz, Marc Joannette.
Linesmen — Bryan Pancich, Steve Miller.
Attendance — 19,289 (19,289) at Calgary.

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WEEK SEVEN
Saturday's games
All times Eastern
Philadelphia at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Washington at Rochester, 7:30 p.m.
Colorado at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Edmonton at Calgary, 9 p.m.

ISLANDERS 3, JETS 1

First Period
1. Winnipeg, Thorburn 3 (Slater, Glass) 17:50
Penalties — None.
Second Period
2. N.Y. Islanders, Moulson 25 (Tavares) 3:55 (pp)
Penalties — Wheeler Wpg (tripping) 3:32, Grabner NYI (slashing), Bogosian Wpg (cross-checking) 8:26, Parenteau NYI (diving), Antropov Wpg (interference) 14:17, Tavares NYI (delay of game) 18:03.
Third Period
3. N.Y. Islanders, Parenteau 12 (Jurcina, Rolston) 1:36
4. N.Y. Islanders, Martin 7 (Parenteau) 19:07 (en)
Penalties — Rolston NYI (tripping) 5:50, Parenteau NYI (cross-checking) 11:26.
Shots on goal

N.Y. Islanders	10	7	8	—25
Winnipeg	16	10	12	—38

Goal — N.Y. Islanders: Nabokov (W,14-14-0); Winnipeg: Pavelec (L,20-20-6).
Power plays (goals-chances) — N.Y. Islanders: 1-1; Winnipeg: 0-3.
Attendance — 15,004 (15,004) at Winnipeg.

SENATORS 4, LIGHTNING 0

First Period
1. Ottawa, Karlsson 10 (Spezza, Butler) 1:04
Penalties — Stamkos TB (tripping) 1:24, Spezza Ott (tripping) 3:34, Butler Ott (goaltender interference) 9:04.
Second Period
2. Ottawa, Spezza 23 (Kuba, Karlsson) 16:32 (pp)
Penalty — Kubina TB (interference) 15:30.
Third Period
3. Ottawa, Spezza 24 (Butler, Michalek) 12:37
4. Ottawa, Spezza 25 (Gonchar) 18:58 (en)
Missed penalty shot — Turris Ott, 11:36.
Penalties — None.
Shots on goal

Ottawa	7	11	9	—27
Tampa Bay	10	11	7	—28

Goal — Ottawa: Anderson (W,26-19-6); Tampa Bay: Garon (L,17-15-4). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Ottawa: 1-2; Tampa Bay: 0-2.
Attendance — 17,488 (19,204) at Tampa, Fla.

LATE MONDAY

CANUCKS 2, COYOTES 1 (SO)

First Period — No Scoring.
Penalties — Torres Phx (tripping) 6:03, Rozsival Phx (delay of game) 7:50, Edler Vcr (holding) 13:09.
Second Period
1. Vancouver, Booth 10 (Kesler, Rome) 10:40
Penalty — Bitz Vcr (hooking) 7:17.
Third Period
2. Phoenix, Yandle 8, 17:54
Penalty — Ekman-Larsson Phx (holding) 14:11.
Overtime — No Scoring.
Penalties — Klesla Phx, Bieksa Vcr (roughing) 5:00.
Shootout — Vancouver wins 4-3
Vancouver (4) — Hodgson, goal; Burrows, miss; Edler, goal; Raymond, miss; Booth, goal; Kesler, goal; **Phoenix (3)** — Whitney, goal; Vrbata, miss; Brule, goal; Doan, miss; Boedker, goal; Gordon, miss.
Shots

Phoenix	9	6	8	1—24
Vancouver	4	13	2	3—22

Goal — Phoenix: LaBarbera (SOL,3-7-2); Vancouver: Luongo (W,23-10-6). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Phoenix: 0-2; Vancouver: 0-3.
Attendance — 18,860 (18,860) at Vancouver.

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At Bogota, Colombia
Singles — First Round
Lourdes Dominguez Lino (7), Spain, def. **Sharon Fichman, Toronto,** 6-2, 6-2.
Karin Knapp, Italy, def. Alexandra Dulgheru (2), Romania, 6-2, 6-2.
Romina Oprandi (3), Switzerland, def. Alexandra Cadantu, Romania, 6-2, 6-2.
Gisela Dulko (5), Argentina, def. Kathrin Woerle, Germany, 1-6, 6-2, 6-4.
Timea Babos, Hungary, def. Yuliana Lizarazo, Colombia, 6-0, 6-1.
Edina Gallovits-Hall, Romania, def. Julia Cohen, U.S., 6-4, 6-1.
Catalina Castano, Colombia, def. Sesil Karatantcheva, Kazakhstan, 5-7, 6-0, 6-3.
Yaroslava Shvedova, Kazakhstan, def. Estrella Cabeza Candela, Spain, 6-0, 3-6, 6-4.
Alexandra Panova, Russia, def. Mandy Minella, Luxembourg, 4-6, 7-6 (8), 6-1.
Eva Birnerova, Czech Republic, def. Ines Ferrer Suarez, Spain, 6-2, 6-4.

QATAR TOTAL OPEN

At Doha, Qatar
Singles — First Round
Angelique Kerber, Germany, def. Sabine Lisicki (9), Germany, 4-6, 6-4, 6-1.
Flavia Pennetta, Italy, def. Dominika Cibulkova (11), Slovakia, 6-3, 2-6, 7-5.
Simona Halep, Romania, def. Daniela Hantuchova (15), Slovakia, 3-6, 6-2, 7-6 (4).
Julia Goerges (16), Germany, def. Anastasiya Yakimova, Belarus, 6-2, 6-2.
Petra Cetkovska, Czech Republic, def. Petra Martic, Croatia, 7-6 (5), 7-5.
Iveta Benesova, Czech Republic, def. Barbora Zahlavova Strycova, Czech Rep., 4-6, 6-3, 6-1.
Anabel Medina Garrigues, Spain, def. Klara Zakopalova, Czech Republic, 6-4, 6-1.
Sorana Cirstea, Romania, def. Jarmila Gajdosova, Australia, 6-4, 6-1.
Lucie Safarova, Czech Republic, def. Urszula Radwanska, Poland, 6-3, 6-4.
Yanina Wickmayer, Belgium, def. Ayumi Morita, Japan, 6-2, 6-1.
Maria Kirilenko, Russia, def. Zheng Jie, China, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3.
Virginie Razzano, France, def. Ons Jabeur, Tunisia, 6-2, 3-6, 6-3.

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At Rotterdam, Netherlands
Singles — First Round
Viktor Troicki (7), Serbia, def. Thiemo de Bakker, Netherlands, 7-6 (6), 6-0.
Philipp Kohlschreiber, Germany, def. Marcel Granollers (8), Spain, 6-1, 1-6, 6-4.
Andreas Seppi, Italy, def. Rik de Voest, South Africa, 1-6, 7-6 (5), 6-2.
Jarkko Nieminen, Finland, def. Igor Sijsling, Netherlands, 6-1, 6-7 (7), 7-5.
Nikolay Davydenko, Russia, def. Robin Haase, Netherlands, 7-5, 6-2.
Mikhail Youzhny, Russia, def. Igor Kunitsyn, Russia, 6-0, 6-7 (4), 6-0.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Agreed to terms with OF Kosuke Fukudome on a one-year contract.
CLEVELAND INDIANS—Designated LHP Kelvin De La Cruz for assignment.
DETROIT TIGERS—Agreed to terms with RHP Jose Ortega, RHP Tyler Stohr, RHP Brayan Villarreal, LHP Duane Below, LHP Casey Crosby and OF Avisail Garcia on one-year contracts.
KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Exercised their 2013 option on manager Ned Yost.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Agreed to terms with INF Jeff Bianchi and RHP Wily Peralta on one-year contracts.

FOOTBALL

NFL

HOUSTON TEXANS—Named Hammerschmidt offensive assistant. Promoted Marc Lubick to assistant wide receivers coach, and Jim Ryan assistant offensive line coach.
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS—Named Clyde Christensen quarterbacks coach, Gary Emanuel defensive line coach, Jeff Fitzgerald linebackers coach, Mike Gillhamer secondary coach, Brad White defensive quality control, Joe Gilbert assistant offensive line coach, Frank Giufre offensive quality control, Alfredo Roberts tight ends coach and Charlie Williams receivers coach.
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS—Named Jack Bicknell Jr. offensive line coach, Jim Bob Cooter offensive quality control coach and Tom McMahon and Derius Swinton special teams coaches.
ST. LOUIS RAMS—Named Les Snead general manager.

CFL

TORONTO ARGONAUTS—Signed WR Jason Barnes.
WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS—Moved defensive and special teams assistant coach Markus Howell to receivers coach. Re-signed OL Steve Morley. Signed LB-LS Jordan Matechuk.

HOCKEY

NHL

ANAHEIM DUCKS—Recalled G Jeff Deslauriers from Syracuse (AHL). Assigned G Iiro Tarkki to Syracuse.
CAROLINA HURRICANES—Recalled F Drayson Bowman from Charlotte (AHL). Reassigned F Jerome Samson to Charlotte.
COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS—Activated C Mark Letestu from injured reserve.
TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS—Placed D Carl Gunnarsson on injured reserve. Recalled D Keith Aulie from Toronto (AHL).
WASHINGTON CAPITALS—Assigned G Braden Holtby, F Joel Rechlicz and F Keith Aucoin to Hershey (AHL).

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SAN JOSE EARTHQUAKES—Acquired MF Simon Dawkins on loan from Tottenham Hotspur (England).

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Chicago	24	7	.774	—
d-Miami	23	7	.767	1/2
d-Philadelphia	20	9	.690	3
Atlanta	18	10	.643	4 1/2
Orlando	18	11	.621	5
Indiana	17	11	.607	5 1/2
Boston	15	12	.556	7
New York	14	15	.483	9
Milwaukee	12	16	.429	10 1/2
Cleveland	10	16	.385	11 1/2
Toronto	9	21	.300	14 1/2
New Jersey	8	21	.276	15
Detroit	8	22	.267	15 1/2
Washington	7	22	.241	16
Charlotte	3	25	.107	19 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Oklahoma City	22	6	.786	—
d-San Antonio	20	9	.690	2 1/2
d-L.A. Clippers	17	9	.654	4
Dallas	18	11	.621	4 1/2
Denver	17	12	.586	5 1/2
L.A. Lakers	16	12	.571	6
Houston	16	13	.552	6 1/2
Portland	15	14	.517	7 1/2
Memphis	15	14	.517	7 1/2
Utah	14	14	.500	8
Minnesota	13	16	.448	9 1/2
Golden State	11	14	.440	9 1/2
Phoenix	12	17	.414	10 1/2
Sacramento	10	18	.357	12
New Orleans	5	23	.179	17

d — division leaders ranked in top four positions regardless of record.

Last night's results
Miami 105 Indiana 90
New York 90 Toronto 87
San Antonio 99 Detroit 95
Oklahoma City 111 Utah 85
Memphis 93 Houston 83
Chicago 121 Sacramento 115
Denver 109 Phoenix 92
Washington 124 Portland 109
Atlanta at L.A. Lakers
Monday's results
Philadelphia 98 Charlotte 89
Orlando 102 Minnesota 89
New Orleans 86 Utah 80
Miami 114 Milwaukee 96
Dallas 96 L.A. Clippers 92
Golden State 102 Phoenix 96
Tonight's games
San Antonio at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Indiana at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Memphis at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Sacramento at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Houston, 8 p.m.
Charlotte at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
New Orleans at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Denver at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Portland at Golden State, 10 p.m.
Washington at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
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New Jersey at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Boston at Chicago, 8 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Portland, 10:30 p.m.

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Engine

In keeping with the Spark's modest transportation role, the standard powerplant is a 1.2-litre four-cylinder that generates an equally modest 85 horsepower and 82 pound-feet of torque.

That's obviously not a lot, but wrapped in a small 1,045-kilogram vehicle built for urban commuting with short-lived jaunts at highway speeds, it'll do just fine.

Four doors, not two

The Spark's secret, it seems, involves getting the most room out of the least amount of space. Its upright body offers generous door openings for easy access and plenty of headroom for four adult passengers.

Chevrolet has crafted a neatly designed exterior, highlighted by bulging fenders containing wheels that have been pushed out to each side for the sake of stability and passenger room. And as with the larger Sonic hatchback, the rear door handles have been integrated as part of the window frame, giving the car a two-door appearance, which is all the rage these days.

Stowage

The car is nearly 15 centimetres taller than a Mini Cooper. In other aspects the Spark is slightly shorter overall and there's less distance between the front and rear wheels than the Mini.

You also won't find much stowage area in back, but enlarging the space for life's bulky stuff is just a split-folding-rear-bench away.

▶ The Spark's small-displacement four-cylinder engine won't set any acceleration records, but that's not really the point here, is it?

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The right car for the jungle

The concrete jungle is becoming increasingly tougher to navigate. The streets are clogged, parking fees are ridiculous and fuel is far from cheap.

Survival demands a minimalist transportation module with maximum space for people and cargo. For both urbanites and suburbanites, the Chevrolet Spark is on its way.

Chevrolet has been the recipient of numerous accolades lately for its compact and sub-compact brands.

The one-year-old Cruze has been a huge hit and it appears that the newly released Sonic sedan and hatchback will follow the same course for 2012.

And with a growing list of recently released competitors, it seems as though North Americans are beginning to embrace fuel efficiency and a smaller footprint as a way of life.

The Spark hatchback's mid-2012 arrival serves to add fuel to the sub-compact fire. Versions of this Korea-built four-door hatchback have been buzzing around the streets of Europe, Asia, South America, Australia and Mexico for a few years. Now it's our turn. In the near future, the Spark could very well be the envy of competitors such as the Smart Fortwo, Scion iQ, Fiat 500 and Mini Cooper.

5 drive

By comparison

Scion iQ
Base price: $18,150
Minimalist practical model is ideal for getting around in crowded cities.

Fiat 500
Base price: $17,400
Thrifty econo-car offers all-adult seating and a sporty style all its own.

Mini Cooper
Base price: $23,550
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Reboot is the key word

The Kia Rio is no longer one of the cheapest cars on the road, but in this day and age that's not where the money is

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To understand the philosophy of a clean-sheet design, you need a clean-sheet brain.

You need to think with logic and an open mind and not have any preconceived notions ... of anything. A reboot, if you will.

It begins with the notion that, for a given amount of money, you would rather have a loaded up small car than a bigger car that's missing a bunch of stuff. Kind of like having a glass of fine pinot noir over a pitcher of flat beer.

OK, that's according to Kia, but it also means you'll likely spend less money on gas because a smaller package also means a smaller, more efficient engine.

But who the heck has a car like that? Five years ago, the answer would have been almost no one. Leather and navigation in a small car? A thoughtful, well detailed and tasteful interior in a small car? Hey, aren't small cars cheap and empty tin cans painted with a roller?

Today, it's even more unheard of that Kia has a loaded up small car, and a handsome four-door sedan at that. We're just as surprised as you are.

Reboot.

It's a whole new game now. Make that a hockey game as the Kia Rio sedan circling the ice at a Phoenix Coyotes-Detroit Redwings NHL game in Phoenix is as rare as, well ... ice hockey in Phoenix. Grey and glimmering under the laser-beam-harsh arena lights during the second-period intermission, for whatever media stunt, it's perfectly proportioned, flab-free and dare we say, plenty fancy. And apparently good on ice.

Compared to the current hatchback model, the sedan is a touch longer (it has to be so the sloped sedan roof doesn't bonk rear passengers on top of the head) and it sports a sleeker, more elegant and formal nose with chrome dressing. The rest of the car is similar to the hatchback, including that tidy and well-detailed interior.

Oh, and smooth, comfy and pretty quiet, too. Speedy? Not really with 138 horsepower, but with the optional six-speed automatic transmission (a six-speed manual is standard) it cruises on the freeway with ridiculous ease while pulling down decent economy. Kia reports 4.9 l/100 km while "Idle Stop Go," which automatically shuts down the engine when the Rio is stopped in traffic, helps bring city economy to a claimed 6.6 l/100 km with the manual transmission and 6.8 with the automatic.

How did all this happen.

Well, it seems to come down to some key people with serious pull. Kia media-relations staff are quick to coo Peter Schreyer's name around the dinner table with the same ecstacy that comes from savouring the first sip of a frosty beverage on a hot Phoenix afternoon. Honestly, before the Kia Optima in particular, Mr. Schreyer was not exactly a household name in North America. Straight from Audi's design studios in 2006, he's now Kia's style master and a fine one he is. His Optima sedan is gorgeous. His Sportage tall wagon is Chuck Norris assertive, even without the Texas Ranger stetson. And the Rio makes the Zamboni at the hockey game look like the box the Zamboni came in; and even smoother than the backhand shootout goal to end the game 3-2 for Detroit.

Most significant is that for about $23,500, including destination fees, you'll get a Rio that's loaded up with navigation, backup camera, leather seats (heated in front), power tilting sunroof and 17-inch alloy wheels. Even metal sport pedals and a cooling glove box.

It's really a bargain, but if you don't want all that, the base car starts at $15,600 and still includes four-wheel disc brakes, power heated mirrors and a USB jack for your portable jukebox (Apple iPod).

It could really just be a new Rio for a new time, but it's also a new Kia, too.

Reboot.

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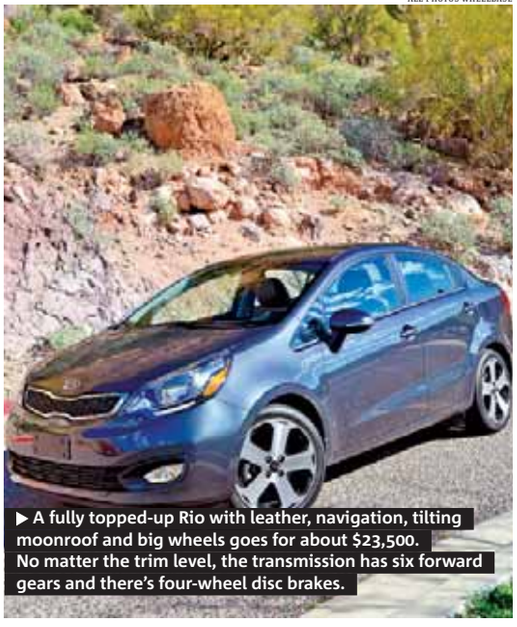

▶ A fully topped-up Rio with leather, navigation, tilting moonroof and big wheels goes for about $23,500. No matter the trim level, the transmission has six forward gears and there's four-wheel disc brakes.

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Show your own ride some love

Writer Justin Pritchard puts his own car, a 1993 Toyota MR2, to the test for a review

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In 1993 I was an 11-year-old aspiring car-nerd. I had a lot of car posters on my bedroom wall.

About four years back, I decided to buy a car from one of those posters.

The Toyota MR2 GTS made the most sense. They're fairly reliable, affordable, and easy to find replacement parts for.

I shelled out $7,500 to an importer and picked up my new baby a few weeks later.

The MR2's engine is in the middle, hence the MR2 name that references its "mid-rear, two-wheel drive" layout.

Said engine is a two-litre turbocharged four-cylinder. Nothing too fancy. Stock output in Japan was 225 horsepower — and since the 3S GTE engine is turbocharged, you can make more ponies on the cheap.

I applied some upgrades to dial up the power — including a bigger turbocharger, intake, intercooler and custom 3-inch exhaust that I helped weld together myself.

End result? The little beast now gurgles to life with a loud drone that penetrates into nearby buildings and goes like all hell when opened up — after a good moment or two worth of turbo lag.

Horsepower? No idea. But probably about 300. Yea, this little thing rips. It's good on gas, too — on account of it being very light and aerodynamic.

Inside, leather seats flank a tall centre console with a five-speed shifter in the middle. The instrument cluster is simple and there are power windows, air conditioning, and automatic climate control, too.

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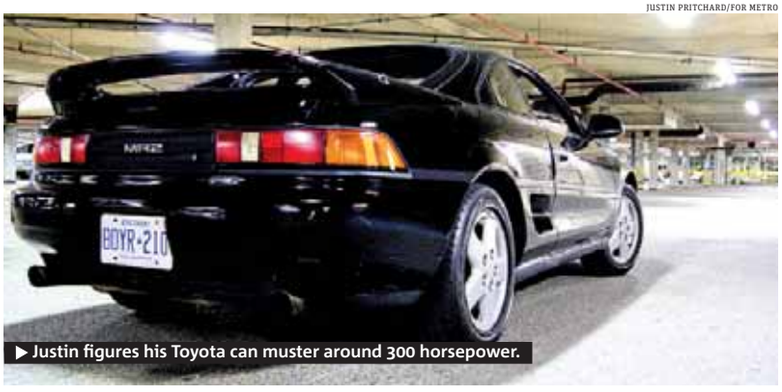

▶ Justin figures his Toyota can muster around 300 horsepower.

It's a squeeze to get in and out — and boarding the MR2 ends with pulling the steering wheel into your lap. You wear this car.

The stereo is shot, the bezel around it is falling off, and the driver's-side window squeaks like a stuck pig when you roll it up.

I don't care, though. It all adds character, and puts newer cars in perspective. It also calls to mind a time when Toyota was serious about performance cars.

Handling is a bit wacky. The MR2 generates lots of rear-end grip for getting off the line and accelerating early out of corners. But the front is nearly too light. Steering is relatively quick, but it all feels a bit loose and strange compared to something with the weight of an engine up front.

Get it right, and it's like driving a go-kart. Get it wrong, and the MR2 will likely plow into whatever is ahead of it, or park itself backwards in the ditch on the other side of the road.

But even driven gently, the MR2 is a pleasure. People give it the thumbs up. It looks fantastic. And you don't see them everywhere. That's probably thanks to the hopelessly impractical nature of this machine.

But shiny new and high-tech or not, my less-than perfect MR2 is still one of the coolest cars I've ever driven — brand new or otherwise.

License to thrill

Today's high-performing cars are quicker, more sensible and easier to use than ever. Zero-to-60 in five seconds used to be Ferrari and Lamborghini territory. Now, you can get a station wagon that does it faster. You know, for when the kids are late for swimming.

AMG, the performance-engineered division of Mercedes Benz, offers perhaps the largest line of exclusive, high-velocity models in the Canadian marketplace. These range from the aforementioned rocket wagon to high-performance coupes, thruster-propelled SUV's and gullwing-doored, carbon-fibre supercars like the SLS AMG.

Fancy something exclusive, explosive, and packed with enough horsepower to set your face on fire? AMG probably has a vehicle for you.

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For more info

▶ Mercedes and AMG offer numerous driving courses, ranging from $400 to $4,000. More information is available on the automaker's website.

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After all — every moment spent at a vehicle's limits on a track will make drivers more comfortable should an emergency require visitation of said limits in real life.

Facing a sudden and dangerous obstacle? Knowing how to safely evade it can prevent you writing off your new ride, or worse.

That's pretty priceless, in a way.

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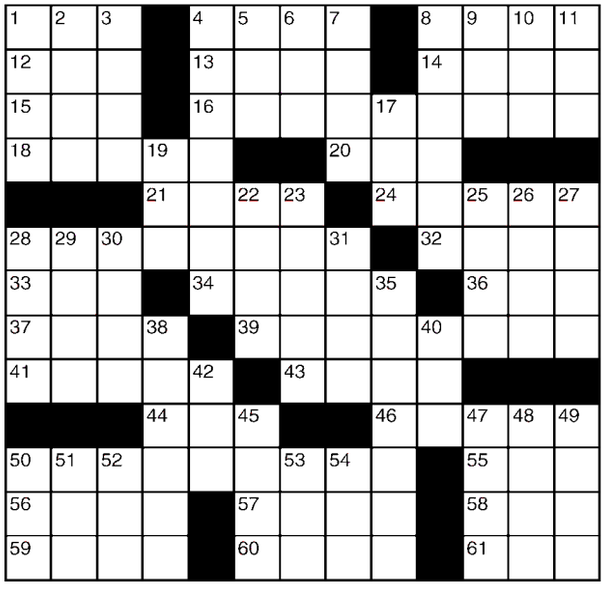

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20 Chow down
21 Agana's island
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17 Space
19 Early bird?
22 Discoverers' cries
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27 Stamina, slangily
28 Genie's home
29 S-shaped molding
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50 That girl
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54 In vitro cells

▶ Yesterday's answer

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Sudoku

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A look at the weather

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Min -12°	Min -8°	Min -11°
Max 2°	Max 1°	Max 8°

Michele McDougall
Weather Specialist
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Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20
You need to accept that other people won't always see things the same way as you.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21
Your sixth sense tells you that someone is lying. Keep that knowledge to yourself until a time when you can use it to maximum effect.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21
You will achieve more today if you use persuasion rather than coercion. You don't have to hammer other people into submission.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Your imagination could carry you away today and cause you to do something you'll later regret.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23
Be on your guard over the next 24 hours, especially when dealing with work-related issues.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22
You need to be practical when dealing with money matters and business affairs. If you let wishful thinking affect you, it'll cost.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23
Today's link between your ruler Venus and Pluto, planet of passion, will get your heart beating faster.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22
There are so many good things going on that you probably think you can get away with anything. Don't push your luck at work.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 If you play your cards right over the next few days, you could find yourself moving up in the world.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20
It's a good day to persuade someone to back a project that could be beneficial to you. Make sure ideas are supported with solid facts.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18
Something will happen today that takes you by surprise — and it will be an especially nice surprise.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 You may have doubts about a deal of some kind but those doubts will disappear by the early next week.

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